



Missouri River Flood of 2011

Updates on Closed Roads in Missouri

October 24, 2011

Interstate 29 NOW OPEN

- Interstate 29 opened on Saturday, October 8th.
- According to information from the Iowa Department of Transportation, temporary lane crossovers will be in place at mileposts 0.8 northbound and 3.2 southbound, near Hamburg, Iowa. Two-way traffic conditions will be present between the crossovers with vehicles diverted into the southbound lanes. The crossovers are necessary to avoid a bridge in the northbound lanes that suffered damage.
- Exit 1, Iowa 333 to Hamburg remains closed. It sustained substantial damage due to the flooding and must be repaired.
- Iowa has announced that Iowa 2, the highway between Interstate 29 (exit 10 in Fremont County, Iowa) and Nebraska City, will partially reopen to traffic on Monday at 4 p.m. This is a four-lane highway, and traffic will be using the eastbound lanes (two-way traffic) until the westbound lanes can be repaired.
- While the Interstate has reopened, travelers are reminded that access across the Missouri River is still limited. The bridge on US 36 at St. Joseph, MO remains open, however all river crossings in Missouri, north of St. Joseph, are closed. The first river crossing in Iowa will be on Iowa 2, to Nebraska City, Nebraska, which is slated to open Monday, October 24th at 4 p.m.

US 136, Atchison County (Closed from I-29 to the Nebraska State Line)

- The road could open, weather permitting, as early as the end of this week
- The fourth and final hole, dubbed "The Beast", has been filled. Currently, the contractor is working on laying asphalt on the road and then will begin pulling up shoulders and slopes. They continue to place embankment on the rock fill in the four scour hole locations. Once the paving portion is completed, which should be this week, the road will reopen and crews will work on the shoulders and slopes. The roadway will be flagged for one-lane traffic when the slopes are being worked on with. MoDOT and the communities on both sides of the river are anxious to reopen this route connecting Rock Port, MO with Brownville, NE which will shorten the commute for many who have had long detours for several months.
- Travelers should be aware that there is work on the Brownville Bridge that will have bridge traffic reduced to one lane with signals on both ends of the bridge.

US 159, Holt County (Closed from Route P to the Nebraska State Line)

- An Emergency Contract was awarded September 30th to Ideker, Inc.
- Work started October 19th to fill the easternmost scour hole. Operations will continue seven days a week until the scour areas are filled.
- The entire emergency repair contract has a projected completion before December 15, 2011. This will not include full depth paving or resurfacing. That work will be part of a later repair contract.

US 59, Buchanan County NOW OPEN

- Opened to traffic on September 28, 2011 after emergency repairs were made. The asphalt surface work is done and striping and rumble strip work could be done as early as Monday, October 24th.

- Kansas is beginning Missouri River bridge rehab work, which may impact travelers. Please check the Kansas Department of Transportation's website at the link below.

Links:

[US 136 Aerial Map Showing Scour Holes locations and depths](#)

[MoDOT's Northwest District Flooding Photos](#)

[Iowa DOT Flooding Information Page](#)

[Kansas DOT Traffic and Travel Information Page](#)

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